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5th Military District Rifle Association,

TORONTO, September 3, 1861.

SIR,—

I have the honor to inform you that the 5th Military District Rifle Association has been formed, and that Colonel Thomson, the Commandant of the District, is the President; the Vice-Presidents are the Mayor of Toronto, the Wardens of the Counties of York and Peel, Simcoe and Ontario, the Sheriffs of the said Counties respectively, and the Commandant of the Active Force or Volunteers. A council has also been appointed, consisting of the Lieutenant-Colonels of the several Battalions of the Sedentary Militia, the Lieutenant-Colonel of the 2nd Battalion Volunteers and the Captains of Troops of Cavalry Batteries of Artillery or Companies of Volunteer Rifles, together with the Members of the Legislative Council, and of the Legislative Assembly, resident within the said Military District, and several other influential gentlemen therein.

The objects of the Association are for the encouragment of the Rifle Corps, and for the promotion of Rifle Shooting, by raising subscriptions to be distributed in prizes, at meetings to be held from time to time. The first meeting for competition for prizes will commence on the 10th day of October next, at 11 a. m., and be continued on the following day at 9 a. m., at Toronto, when the following prizes will be shot for:

No. 1. A sweepstake, of one dollar entrance, with added by the Association. Ranges, 150, 200, 250, 300 yards, three rounds at each range. Open to all comers—½ to to best shot, three-fifths of remainder to second best, and two-fifths to third best,—any description of Rifle. No hair triggers, globe or magnifying sights allowed. Minimum pull of Enfield, six lbs., all others three lbs. All scoring to be by points.

No. 2. Two prizes of sixty and thirty dollars each—open to Volunteers only. Entrance 1s. 3d.; Range 400 yards, five rounds; best shot sixty, second best thirty.

No. 3. Merchants' prize—eighty dollars, open to all comers, any description of Rifle; Entrance 2s. 6d.; Range 250 yards, five rounds.

No. 4. Open to Volunteers only, no entrance; Range 600 yards, five rounds. Two prizes, best shot sixty, second best forty dollars.

SECOND DAY.

No. 1. Silver Medal of the Association, open to Members only, 500 yards, five rounds; no entrance charged.

No. 2. Ladies' purse of 2 prizes, 1st., of dollars, for Volunteers, 2nd., of equal amount for members not Volunteers; Range 500 yards, five rounds; no entrance charged.

No. 3. All Service Prizes. Open to the Regular Troops, Volunteers, Enrolled Men of the Sedentary Militia, Pensioners and Police. Entrance 2s. 6d.; Ranges 700 and 900 yards, five rounds at each; best shot one hundred dollars, second best fifty dollars.

No. 4. The Marston Prize. Open to all Members of the Association; no entrance charged; Range 400 yards, 5 rounds. A Rifle, value fifty dollars, sighted to the longest ranges; presented by Mr. W. P. Marston, Gun Maker of this City, with case &c., complete.

Subscription Lists have been sent to the Officers in command of Militia Regiments, or of independent companies, and they are requested to ask from the Officers and Non-commissioned Officers of their respective Battalions and Companies, subscriptions, according to their relative rank—a sum which would be equal to one day's pay, were they on service. viz: Lieutenant-Colonels, 17s.; Majors, 16s.; Captains, 11s. 7d.; Lieutenants, 6s. 6d. Ensigns, 5s. 3d.; Rank and File, 1s. Sterling each. Militia Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and *enrolled* men, (that is such men as have their names duly enrolled on the Companies List of their respective Battalions), upon the payment of the above sums respectively, will become members of the Association, and will be allowed to compete for the prizes on the most favorable terms, while all others competing will be looked upon as amongst those styled "all comers."

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The number and the amount of the prizes may be very considerably increased should the Association be sustained by the Militia, the Merchants, the Mechanics and the Professional Gentlemen of the District; and should the amount of funds warrant the expenditure, it may be thought advisable to hold matches this autumn in other parts of the District, say Whitby, Barrie, Newmarket, and Streetsville.

The Committee of Management will publish at an early day the rules under which the Shooting will be conducted, which rules will be framed, as nearly as may be, according to those of the National Rifle Association of England.

Your attendance is requested at a Meeting, which will take place at the Grand Jury Room, in the Court House, Toronto, at Eleven o'clock, a. m., on Thursday, the 3rd day of October next, where the Committee of Management will be assembled. The Subscriptions which you may be able to collect you will be pleased to forward to me at Toronto, not later than Saturday the 28th of September instant, and you are particularly requested to solicit the Officers and men of the Militia and others resident in your vicinity, to become members of this Association.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

W. B. JARVIS,
Lt. Col., Secretary and Treasurer.

Subscriptions to the Rifle Match.—October 10th and 11th, 1861.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	DOLLARS.

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